



## COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 30, 2019 at 12:00 PM  
Fraser River Presentation Theatre  
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### MINUTES

Chair: Councillor K. Richter

#### PRESENT:

Mayor J. Froese and Councillors P. Arnason, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, B. Long, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, K. Sinclair, R. Seifi, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, S. Little, and K. Stepto

### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A.1 Reconvened Council Priorities Committee Agenda - September 30, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Arnason,  
Seconded by Mayor Froese,  
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Reconvened Council Priorities Committee meeting held September 30, 2019.  
CARRIED

### **B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

The following item was deferred at the July 22, 2019 Council Priorities Committee meeting:

#### **B.1 Council Procedure Bylaw 2016 No. 5199**

That Council continue discussions regarding amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw.

M. Bakken commented that the Council Priorities Committee has been presented with the suggested amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw discussed to date at previous committee meetings. It was suggested that these amendments be forwarded to Council for approval and then staff can bring forward an amended bylaw for approval with the remainder of the bylaw and further suggested amendments to be discussed a future Council Priority Committee meetings.

W. Bauer reviewed the suggested amendments that were discussed at the

April 15, June 24, and July 22 meetings.

COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That the Council Priorities Committee recommends that Council approve the

consolidated drafts amendments; and

That Council direct staff to bring forward an Amending Council Procedure Bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillors Richter and Woodward opposed

The Committee further discussed amending the delegation application procedures. The following comments were provided:

- Managing delegation requests is not outlined in the Community Charter. Each community handles them differently.
- In the City of Abbotsford, individuals or organizations may only appear once annually on the same topic and not more than once every three months on a different topic.
- Should two delegations who appear back to back on the same topic be disallowed?
- Should the permitted time to speak be reduced?
- If the bylaw is changed to only allow delegates to speak once every three months on a different topic, should that be changed to four times per year, at the delegate's discretion?
- Once per quarter still gives Council the discretion to approve a delegation request that perhaps comes sooner than that, but it is on a particular agenda item.

COUNCIL

Moved by Mayor Froese,

Seconded by Councillor Kunst,

That the Council Priorities Committee recommends that Council approve the suggestions regarding reasons to not approve a delegation request, as listed below:

- A bylaw in respect of which a public hearing has been or will be held where the public hearing is required under an enactment as a prerequisite to the adoption of the bylaw;
- An issue which is before the courts or on which Council has authorized legal action;
- A matter in respect of which a Township-led public consultation process is planned or is in progress;

- The promotion of commercial projects and services, the promotion of a political party or of a candidate for elected office;
- Publicly tendered contracts or proposal calls for the provision of goods and services for the Township, between the time that such contract or proposal call has been authorized and the time that such a contract or proposal call has been awarded, either by Council or Township staff;
- A purpose or subject that is beyond the jurisdiction of Council;
- A purpose of subject that Council reasonably determines is not in the public interest of the community;
- Any matter on which the delegate has already spoken to Council and where no new significant information is provided;
- Individuals or organizations may only appear once every annual quarter, unless the individual or organization is statutorily authorized to be heard by Council or required by law to be heard by Council.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved by Mayor Froese,

Seconded by Councillor Arnason,

That these delegation suggestions be brought forward in the Amended Procedure Bylaw at the same time as the other suggested amendments.

CARRIED

**MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED**

The question was called on the Main Motion, as amended, and it was

CARRIED

**C. OTHER BUSINESS****D. TERMINATE**

Moved by Councillor Kunst,

Seconded by Mayor Froese,

That the meeting terminate at 12:56pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chair